GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CRIMES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various crimes, particularly crime against women have increased during 2001;

(b) if so, the details of comparative figures of various crime reported in various States during the years 1999-2000, 2001 and 2002 till date, crime-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the government to check the crimes in various parts of the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): A marginal increase of 1.25% has been registered in crime against women in the year 2002 over the year 1999. Information for the year 2001 is incomplete due to lack of details from many States. The State/Union Territory-wise details of crime against women during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 is given in the enclosed statement (Annexure-I).

(c): Although, `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects as per the Constitution of India, the government of India has been advising State Governments time to time on these issues. The advisories issued to the State Governments include, inter alia, setting up of exclusive women police stations, setting up of women police cells in the police stations, setting up of Crime against Women Cells in districts where they do not exist, hearing of rape cases by a court presided over by a lady magistrate, investigation of rape case of victims less than 18 years of age by women police officers and in the presence of parents and/or relatives, wider recruitment of women in police forces, setting up of Special Women Courts in each district, appointment of Dowry Prohibition Officers etc.